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Horns Blaring, Busses Return With Choristers

By Fred Mobere

Hurrah! Hurrah! Hurrah!

Why Print Letters?

Letters to the editor that appear on the pages of the TRUMPET quite often raise questions from among the faculty and students concerning this paper's policy in regard to them. Certainly, as is to be expected, some of these letters are controversial and quite plainly do not express the opinion of a good many persons on campus, either faculty or students.

"Why print them, then?" is the question that frequently is asked. The two chief reasons may be stated as (1) they add interest to the paper and (2) they serve as a voice of the free press, one of the great professions of our democracy.

However, the editorial board of the TRUMPET early this year discussed the question and came to the conclusion that writing the law of libel all the letters to the editor would be printed provided that they were signed when submitted for publication. It is also our policy to print the name of the writer, unless he explicitly requests that he remain anonymous.

Why do we permit the letters to be printed anonymous? First of all, this is the policy that is followed by almost every commercial newspaper and by many college papers which carry a column similar to the TRUMPET's "From Our Readers." We believe that there are cases when it is better to have the writer's name remain anonymous, and we further believe that the writer is the best person to judge whether or not his name should be printed.

Furthermore, we believe that if the TRUMPET is to serve its function as a student newspaper, it should remain open to the voice of student opinion, whether the letters published represent a minority or a majority opinion on campus.

There are the reasons why the editors of the TRUMPET have printed every letter to the editor submitted for publication this year, and why they will no doubt continue this policy in the future.

At the same time, however, we wish to remind our readers that these opinions expressed in the "From Our Readers" column are of a personal nature, they cannot be considered as necessarily unbiased or representative of the campus as a whole.

Political Pageant By Claude Grefling

Convictions On Slander?

Should the story of a man's life, based mostly on hearsay and personal opinion, be dragged through the mud in a sensational manner and slightly alter the front page of sensation-hungry newspapers? Should the Democratic Party in Maryland, chairman of which is Michael Jerome Millard, son-in-law of Senator Collins, be the sub-committee which is investigating Senator McCarthy's charges of red infiltration in the State department, asked him to submit his own statement and Phil Hiss to come and be cross-examined?

Truman refused. He held—justifiably so—that the files were meant solely for the use of the FBI and contained some information which would be definitely prejudicial to the case of the accused. Since that information for the present time was not based on facts but on personal opinions and prejudices, he felt that the Hiss case sub-committee was no place for these files to be made public. Incidentally, J. Edgar Hoover, head of the FBI, wholeheartedly supported the President's decision.

One of the reasons for Hoover's refusal to open the files was his contention that the FBI was not a tabloid Gestapo which the Senate or anyone else could use for political propaganda purposes. If the loyalty files were opened now, it would set a precedent which would be dangerous indeed. Perhaps the English use to convict spies, saboteurs, under the threat to divulge confidential and abundantly damaging information, is a good one. It would be all right to include in the FBI files some statements founded solely on prejudice, which, if made public, might convict some spy, saboteur or traitor of any honest outspoken man.

Even if Truman refused to open the files should mean that one guilty will not be convicted, for lack of evidence, that is infinitely preferable to hearsay comments banded around without the slightest bit of irresponsible statements of some personal nature. Senator McCarthy, of course, may find it difficult to protect the innocent because he does not seem to be able to distinguish this type from the guilty. Furthermore, he now has a golden opportunity to push the fuel for his pitiful failure aside the Alger Hiss affair, which, it would be apparent, the files fail to not in a position to prove his claims.

Perhaps that just too bad for McCarthy. After all, the capture of one communist in the State department—and it is highly doubtful that he would be there even without Senator McCarthy's help—is infection of one of the most fundamental liberties upon which this nation is founded. Slander has so far never been sufficient grounds for conviction in any U.S. court, and we sincerely hope that in spite of the Senator from Wisconsin, it never will be.

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'Five-Foot-Two, Eyes Of Blue'

Describes New Queen

Lucille Wenzler, Fortress Queen

By Melvin Gieleer

"Five-feet-two, eyes of occasional blue" aptly describes the charming miss from Wisconsin whom Fortress staff members call "our Girl."

Lucille Wenzler, sophomore education major from Wauwatosa, Wis., has been selected by the Fortress staff as the first queen ever to reign over the pages of a Wartburg annual. In addition, Queen Lucy has been chosen Wartburg's candidate to rule over the Drake pollcy festivities. Should Lucy be picked as queen by the staff at Drake, Drake's prospects, she will receive with all expense paid a trip to Des Moines to reign over Drake's spring track classic.

When asked to comment on her selection, Lucy stated, "I was rather surprised, and very much pleased."

Choice No Surprise

But the choice should come as no surprise to the rest of the student body. Lucy's charming looks and charming personality have engendered her to the position of queen. The 20-year-old queen, with her well endowed 38½ inches, lights up off her regal appearance with blonde hair, blue eyes, and light brown hair. She claims her eyes to be of "Wartburg green" varied such as those of Chris DeHavilland, Ruth Ann Hube, Jerry Ann Wrenn, depending on the color she is wearing.

Lucy's current membership in Mu Sigma and the Wartburg choir points to her interest in "anything musical." Comments on her selection from the just completed choir tour, she stated, "It was wonderful, we had lots of fun."

Asked how she felt to be back in school, Lucy quipped, "Don't ask just take one look."

Lucy's outstanding KNYT program, "Lucy's Lounge," points directly to her ambition, that of teaching radio at Bolengarten. She plans to teach for two years after graduation then she would return down as a passenger, temporarily for the purpose of this congregation with be Ken Krueger, who then, as now, will be the chief interest in Lucy's life.

3 Weaknesses Wartburgers

Of Bolengarten dessert, her pastime, a man market operator in Wauwatosa, a suburb of Milwaukee, has not Dinner of his children to Wartburg. Lucy's older brothers, Johnny, attended Wartburg from '46-'48 and is now in veterinary school at Ohio State college. A younger brother, Carl, is a freshman here, and brother Dave will attend three years from now.

Lucy confided to the Wenzler attitude toward Wartburg by saying, "I like it here because it is friendly so that I can get to know people. But I'm not too small in my opinion, Wartburg's nightlife is offer. I specifically mention the results or the nightlife. I speed up the nightlife. Wartburg, Wartburg, Wartburg,

Wartburg To Entertain Luther League Tourney

Wartburg college will be host to the second annual Iowa Luther League basketball tournament on the week-end following Easter vacation, April 13, 14 and 15. Competing will be teams from each of the 15 Iowa district federations.

This tournament, begun last year under the leadership of Lanny Roehlk, district president, will decide the champion team among Iowa Luther leagues for the spring 1950. Inter-federation tournaments have chosen their representatives to the tournament here in Waverly.

Last year, Muscatine came out on top, Art Miller, who was that year a member of the Knight basketball team, played on the Muscatine team last spring.

Leagues and their respective federations sending teams to Waverly this year are Ahlman, Pleasant Valley; Jubilee, Jubilee; Tama, Central; Grafton, Wartburg; West Union, North-Fayette; Luana, Northeast; Pomeroy, Mid-West; Ryan, Montezuma; Wyoming, Tri-County; Farmdale, Southwest; LeMars, West-Central, and Melvin, Northwest.

Yet to be decided are the challengers from the Mid-East, Southwest and Hawkeye federations.

Most games of the tournament will be played in the Knights gymnasium, according to the schedule, but some games will also be played in the high school gymnasium. Reason for this change is the Freshman Sinfonietta, which is scheduled to appear in the Wartburg college Artist Series that evening.

Semi-finals of the tournament will be held on Saturday, April 15, in the afternoon, with the consolation game set at 6:30 p.m. and the finals at 8 p.m. in the Knights gymnasium.

23 Matmen, Cagers Obtain 'W' Awards

Wrestling and basketball letter winners were recently announced by Athletic Director Melvin Nelson. Receiving the awards are 10 members of the Iowa conference wrestling team and 13 members of the Knight basketball squad.

Men earning letters in wrestling were Ray Meier, senior; Otto Zwanziger, Howard Wolgram and Clarence Brunings, juniors; Jim Wagner, Erwin Hawk, Jack Berk and Marvin Brand, sophomores, and Fred Dawgins and Wendell Wilharm, freshmen.

Those earning letters in basketball were Paul Brunn, Jim Keller, Lloyd Spier and Dennis Tolbert, seniors; Bob Herder and Art Miller, juniors; Bob Gerdes, Bill Colson, Jim Langsdorf and Fred Pfannkuch, sophomores; Richard Rowray, John Kurtt and Jack Bostwick, freshmen.

Langrock Chosen Spring Sports Queen

Lenore Langrock, freshman from Cedar Falls, will reign as spring sports queen. It was announced this week by Harold Wittmier, junior and president of "W" club. Two other freshmen, Joan Kampe and Audrey Moeller, will be the queen's attendants.

Big day for the queen and court this spring will be Senior day, May 6, when Lenore will lead the sports awards to be won during the day.

When they hold their next meeting on Tuesday, April 4, at 7:15 p.m. in the Knights gymnasium, "W" club members will plan for their spring outing set for sometime in May.

"The outing will be a toss-up between a big dinner for the boys or a dinner for "W" club members and their dates," stated Wittmier.

Golfers Awaiting Balmy Weather By Limbering Up In Gymnasium

Golfers are another group of spring athletes waiting for all Sol is a newcomer expected to be of to bring balmy skies. At present, the men are limbering up with the putting irons in the gym, but they will be outside with the first warm weather.

H. C. Engelbrecht is coaching the linksmen, as he takes on a new role in addition to duties as public relations director.

Looking forward to a good season, Coach Engelbrecht says, "We have nine talent and team balance and with our face-par averages should do okay."

Only one golfer is returning from last year's team, however, nine men out for the sport are expected to help form a strong team. Returning this year is Don Morasch, junior from Oelwein, Wis. Art Miller, Muscatine junior, aid with his tournament experience. Three Waverly golfers will be at home on the links this year. They are Marcus Kurtt, senior; Jim Brandes, junior, and Grant Kienitz, sophomore.

Tentative schedule includes the following meets:

*Dubuque (here)	April 22
*Luther (there) (?)	April 24
Iowa Collegiate tourney at Iowa State college	April 28
Coe (here)	May 4
*Luther (here) (?)	May 8
ISTC (here)	May 11
Dubuque (there)	May 13
ISTC (there)	May 18
Luther (there)	May 16
Conference meet at Lenox	May 20

(Meets with Luther indefinite)

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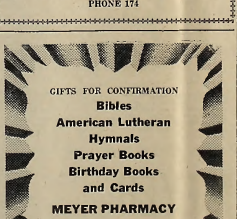
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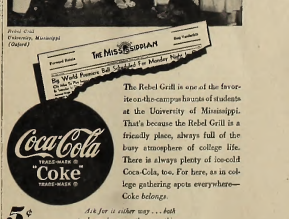

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Trip To Europe Takes Only Time And Money

By Bill Boyken

If some people, particularly students, don't travel to Europe this summer, it certainly won't be the fault of poor publicity. Dozens of plans for attending school or just cruising around Europe this summer have been swelling the already large volume of press releases that find their way into the TRUMPET mailbox every week.

Some of the offers are really enticing enough—"Dear Editor: Would you like to have a free trip in Europe this summer? We'll set you up, if you can drive, entire Shanghai, or otherwise influence 30 other students from your school to shell out 1,000 bucks more or less, for a trip in one of our rickety new DC-4 airliners."

Maybe these aren't the exact words, but that's the offer. And, incidentally, your editor is still planning to spend a nice summer vacation in the U. S. A.

Some Offers Logical.

Of course, some of the offers are slightly more logical. There's the Lutheran Student Friendship society that is looking for people to echo some work camps in Europe. The only catch to this is that the camps run from one to five over and brick. There there's one from St. Olaf college, announcing a summer session of the University of Oslo in Norway.

Next in line is the elaborate bulletin from Bethany College which pleads for students to travel to Rome in commemoration of the Holy Year in the Catholic church. That offer is not backed by too many takers here. And, outside of Alle Grabowski, probably not many Wartburgers will be interested in the numerous study tour of Israel under the auspices of the International Student Federation of America.

But none of the arguments are pretty hard to puff to the wind, such as this one from the Friendship Tours of New York:

Takes Any Interest?

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Before everyone starts climbing up the gangplank it might be best to inform you that the little number involves the round trip ticket to Europe and demands a stipend of $1,000 . . . And after the cover there, the tourist will naturally want to include in a few of the extra $150 excursions. And, if you'd like presenting a little more "whimsy," take the 1,100 dollar job on the Royal Dutch airliner to America's dam. Lucerne, Rome, Paris, and points beyond.

Oh, well, we didn't want to go anyway. Maybe we can settle for our cultural advancement for at least another year. And besides, that money would look a lot better as a part of our contribution for the 1950 ingathering.

Casting Completed For 'Bat' Production Scheduled In May

Casting of "The Bat" was completed Tuesday evening, March 24, and rehearsals are well under way for this mystery thriller to be presented by the Wartburg players in the Little Theater May 2, 3, and 4.

A newcomer to the Wartburg stage making a return after a long exile Lande, sophomore, portraying a Japanese houseboy. He understudy is Evelyn Menning, sophomore. Dean Swift, freshman, is cast in a leading role, will take the part of Dr. Wentworth, the detective, understudied by Ray Meier, senior.

Peters Gets Part.

Ann Peters, freshman, who will be remembered for her performance in "Little Spirit" is cast as Dale Odgen, a young girl. Billie Kruse, freshman, understudy, is portrayed by Fred Moberg, sophomore. Understudy for this part is William Kroener, freshman.

Linda Shinn, an elderly maid, will feature Dorothy Bilgen, freshman, also giving her first performance on the Wartburg stage. Edwin Kaufman, sophomore, will portray Brooks.

Kroener Goes Upstairs.

Others included in the cast are Fred Manfred, sophomore, as Richard Fleming; Howard Rand, sophomore, as Randall Benefield; Roger Kroenel, sophomore, as the man who dies; Jean Beuhler, as Meier as the unknown man.

"The Bat" is an adaptation of "The Spiral Staircase" by Mary Roberts Rinehart, and has no connection with the German opera, "The Fledermaus."

Med. College Tests To Ge Given Here

Medical college admission tests sponsored by the Association of American Medical colleges, will be given on the Wartburg campus Saturday, May 21, and Monday, Nov. 6, 1950. The announcement was made by W. G. Pruehing of the psychology department head and local representative of the Educational Testing service.

All Wartburg students planning to apply for admission to medical schools for the fall term of 1951 are urged to take the tests. Supplemented by other available data, the scores of the examinations will be used by all colleges in the association to determine admission.

Application blanks and further information may be obtained from Mr. Pruehing or from Dr. E. W. Hertel of the biology department.

MF Movie Cancelled

Mission Fellowship film, previously scheduled for tonight, has been cancelled, according to a late announcement by John Bowman, senior and president of the group.

The film will be shown, instead, on Saturday, April 21.

Under Malmin's Baton Choir Proves Effective

By Claude Grelling

Under the able baton of director Gunnar J. Malmin, Pacific Lutheran college's Choir of the West presented its annual concert to an appreciative audience of more than six hundred last Thursday night at St. Paul's parish hall. It was the first appearance of the Choir of the West this year, but only one of many on its twenty-third annual concert tour throughout the mid-west.

The most outstanding characteristic of the choral group probably were its crystalline tone, powerful yet never harsh, and perfect intonation, and its uniformity with perfect effect. The bass section perhaps deserves special mention because of its flawless tonal quality and smooth modulation, particularly apparent in the group's rendition of Lyoff's "Of Thy Mysteri Supper."

A Skit Was Pleasing

Most pleasing was probably Director Malmin's own composition, "A Sigh." The choristers interpreted the theme of yearning and with feeling and harmony and did credit to the beautiful lyrics. Another one of Malmin's works, "Come Sweet Love Before Him," gave the audience the chance to hear what was perhaps the finest voice in the group, Miss Jean Heide's clear, unadvanced soprano.

Among the other particularly impressive pieces were the "Hallelujah" from Handel's Messiah, "Who is Like Thee" by Nordent and Grieg's "Ave Maria, Stella Flela," probably better known under its English title, "Beside Thy Hast Arrayed in White." Both of these selections featured tenor soloist Charles Martin, and especially in the latter his rich, full voice came out to fullest effect.

Choir Divides.

Also memorable was the Choir's rendition of Leinfing's setting of the Nativity Praise the Lord," a powerful and well-balanced piece of praise in which the soprano and alto sections divided on stage while the male sections sang from the rear of the auditorium, creating a beautiful echo-like effect.

Eugene Arnestad, although not a member of the choir, should also come in for his share of applause for the small piccolo which he performs on his violin during the Fox intermission. Those in the audience who had heard him that morning at convocation were pleased to hear him again, and those who had not heard him before were floored by his almost uncanny finger technique and effortless playing.

MF Prexy Election To Be Held Tues.

Next year's president for the Mission Fellowship will be elected at a brief but important meeting of that group on Tuesday, April 3, at 7:15 p.m. in the Little Theater, according to Art Moeller, incumbent president.

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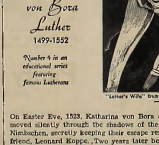

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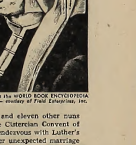

"Luther's Wife" from the WORLD BOOK ENCYCLOPEDIA — courtesy of Field Enterprises, Inc.

On Easter Eve, 1523, Katharina von Bora and eleven other nuns moved silently through the shadows of the Cistercian Convent of Nimbschen, secretly begining their escape rendezvous with Luther's friend, Leonard Koppe. Two years later her unexpected marriage to Luther after a brief courtship caused much amazed Christian friends and enemies, but twenty one years of unusually happy married life gives silent testimony to Luther's courageous decision to marry.

Was Katharina's energy and thrift that kept Luther from bankruptcy. He was constantly endorsing notes for friends and lending what little money he had to the poor. The Luther home was crowded with poor relatives and student refugees — not to mention the six Luther children. But Katharina always managed to make ends meet. She followed her famous husband in death and is buried in the city of Torgau.

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